

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to Figs. 1 - 2. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1 - 2, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1 - 2. Figs. 1 - 2 have been amended to provide descriptive text labels for reference numerals 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 14, 15, 21, 30 and 31.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 1-12 are allowed. Applicants have addressed each issue raised in the Official Action and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Drawings

Figs. 1 - 2 have been amended to provide descriptive text labels for reference numerals 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 14, 15, 21, 30 and 31. The objection to the drawings is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Specification

The specification has been amended to remove reference back to the claims. The objection to the specification is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claim 6 has been amended to recite "Method for measuring the degree of fiber concentration" as requested by the Examiner. The objection to the claims is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For at least the reasons stated above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and objections, and to allow the present application. In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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